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Dominique P. BRIDON et al.

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For: LONG LASTING FUSION PEPTIDE
INHIBITORS OF VIRAL INFECTION

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 25, 2003 (Paper No. 18), for which a response was due on December 25, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 25, 2004 which falls on a Sunday. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), the deadline is therefore extended to Monday, January 26, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.